

Ben Jonson
(1573-1637)

I sing the birth

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(1944-)

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

I sing the birth was born to - night, The Au-thor both of life and light, The

S
A
T
B

an- gels so did sound it: And like the ra-vished shep - herds said, Who

S
A
T
B

saw the light and were a-fraid, Yet searched, and true they found it.

S
A
T
B

The Son of God the e- ter-nal King, That did us all sal - va-tion bring, And

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S freed the soul from dan- ger; He whom the whole world could not take, The

A freed the soul from dan- ger; He whom the whole world could not take, The

T 8 freed the soul from dan- ger; He whom the whole world could not take, The

B freed the soul from dan- ger; He whom the whole world could not take, The

S Word which heaven and earth did make, Was now laid in a man- ger.

A Word which heaven and earth did make, Was now laid in a man- ger.

T 8 Word which heaven and earth did make, Was now laid in a man- ger.

B Word which heaven and earth did make, Was now laid in a man- ger.

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S The Fa-ther's wis-dom will- ed it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both

A The Fa-ther's wis-dom will- ed it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both

T 8 The Fa-ther's wis-dom will- ed it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both

B The Fa-ther's wis-dom will- ed it so, The Son's o - be-dience knew no No, Both

S wills were in one sta- ture: And as that wis-dom hath de-creed, The

A wills were in one sta- ture: And as that wis-dom hath de-creed, The

T 8 wills were in one sta- ture: And as that wis-dom hath de-creed, The

B wills were in one sta- ture: And as that wis-dom hath de-creed, The

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S Word was now made flesh in-deed, And took on him our na- ture.

A Word was now made flesh in-deed, And took on him our na- ture.

T Word was now made flesh in-deed, And took on him our na- ture.

B Word was now made flesh in-deed, And took on him our na- ture.

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S What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To

A What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To

T What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To

B What com-fort by Him do we win, Who made Him-self the price of sin, To

S make us heirs of glo- ry! To see this Babe, all in - no-cence, A

A make us heirs of glo- ry! To see this Babe, all in - no-cence, A

T make us heirs of glo- ry! To see this Babe, all in - no-cence, A

B make us heirs of glo- ry! To see this Babe, all in - no-cence, A

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S mar-tyr born in our de-fence, Can man for-get this sto- ry?

A mar-tyr born in our de-fence, Can man for-get this sto- ry?

T mar-tyr born in our de-fence, Can man for-get this sto- ry?

B mar-tyr born in our de-fence, Can man for-get this sto- ry?